



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

June 13, 2016

5:30 p.m. Basement Thorman Conference Room
801 Texas Ave., City Bldg. 3, El Paso, Texas

Minutes

Members Present: 6

District 2 – Steve Lujan
District 3 – Deanna A. De La Cruz
District 4 – Roy Gilyard
District 5 – Theresa Welch Fordham

City Staff Present

Tracy Novak, Director of Parks and Recreation
Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Paula Powell, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Laura Garcia, Administrative Service Manager
Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent
Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Public Present

None

Members Absent: 1

District 6 – Francoise A. Feliberti
District 7 – Sylvia Carreon
District 8 – Ana Roush

Vacancies: 2

Mayor – Vacant
District 1 – Vacant

City Attorney - Legal

Juan Gonzalez, Assistant City Attorney

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
Theresa Welch Fordham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2016
Motion by Roy Gilyard to approve minutes as written. Second by Deanna De La Cruz. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None
Theresa Welch Fordham, Chair, paused to acknowledge and congratulate the Parks and Recreation Department for receiving several awards.
4. Agenda Item #4. Update and Discussion: Park Maintenance Activities – Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent

Steve Lunsford, Land Management Superintendent, reported on the following items:
 - Sports Division and maintenance staff working on soccer fields

- Working on sod and seeding on designated game fields
- Phase 2 – Bermuda seed in progress (6 fields were done in Phase 1)

5. Agenda Item #5. Subcommittees:

- a. Presentation and Action: Park Naming Subcommittee – Application to rename Father Martinez Senior Center located at 9311 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, Texas, 79907 to Pavo Real Senior Center – Joel McKnight, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Joel McKnight, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, gave the Board a brief presentation on the application and facility.

Motion by Roy Gilyard to forward a recommendation to City Council to rename Father Martinez Senior Center located at 9311 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, Texas, 79907 to Pavo Real Senior Center. Second by Deanna De La Cruz. Motion carried (unanimous).

- b. Discussion and Action: Tree Subcommittee – Review List of Potential Members – Joel McKnight, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director.

Joel McKnight, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the attached list of potential candidates for membership to the Tree Subcommittee.

The Tree subcommittee is comprised of no less than one (1) and no more than four (4) appointed Board members, no more than five (5) at-large members, and one (1) ex-officio member who shall be the City Arborist.

Motion #1 by Deanna De La Cruz to consider the following Professional Candidates for the Tree Subcommittee:

Denise Rodriguez, El Paso County Texas AgriLife
John White, UTEP Chihuahuan Desert Botanical Garden
David Davis, Modern Plant Concepts
Alternate: Joann Gwinn Burt, West Texas Urban Forestry Council

Second by Steve Lujan. Motion carried (unanimous)

Motion #2 by Deanna De La Cruz to consider the following Community Leaders for the Tree Subcommittee:

Dave Spielman, KVIA Meteorologist & Farmer
Eileen Karlsruher, President, CSA Design Group
Alternate: Bob Brannon, Rim Road Neighborhood Association

Second by Steve Lujan. Motion carried (unanimous)

6. Agenda Item #6. Presentation and Discussion: Parks and Recreation FY17 Budget – Laura Garcia, Administrative Services Manager

Laura Garcia, presented the Board with a PowerPoint of FY17 Parks and Recreation Budget. She explained to the Board that the presentation is a reflection of three months' work and is not a final product. The Department will be presenting the final FY17 Budget the week of June 27.

Tracy Novak, Parks and Recreation Director recapped the funding and District projects in the budget.

Discussion ensued on reduced revenue, pool closures and quality of life projects that generate revenues for Parks and Recreation.

7. Agenda Item #7. Subcommittees Assignments (as needed)

None

8. Agenda Item #8. Reports on Recent Activity

- a. Recent City Council Agenda Items
- b. Upcoming Committee Meetings List
- c. Land Acquisition List
- d. Parks and Recreation Construction Projects List

Theresa Fordham, Chair, advised the Board that further information on the above items can be located in their packets and on the City's website. Being no further discussion she moved on to the next agenda item.

Theresa Fordham, Chair, requested information on the swimming pools that are currently not in service. Tracy reported that Leo Cancellare was the only pool that was not open.

9. Agenda Item #9. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

None

10. Adjournment – 6:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant